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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of Defense Mobilization

Washington 25, D. C.

Office of the Director

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

16 October 1953

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

An assurance has been given the President that the Office of Defense Mobilization will submit to the National Security Council, at the close of this month, a plan for the permanent dispersal of the essential wartime functions of the Executive Branch.

As a basic requirement in preparation of the plan, ODM is proceeding with a preliminary determination as to what functions are essential in wartime, which of these must remain at dispersed locations on the perimeter of Washington, D. C., those which could be permanently decentralized into more distant locations, and those which must remain within Washington, D. C. A further basic determination is being made with respect to the numbers of personnel presently performing such functions in Washington, D. C.

In order that the over-all plan may include this information, as it pertains to the Central Intelligence Agency, I would appreciate your furnishing to me the requisite data for inclusion in the ODM submission to the National Security Council.

I shall be grateful for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

s/Victor E. Cooley

for Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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